

Health Data Committee Meeting
April 9, 2002
3:30-5:30 PM

Attendees:

Committee members - Marilyn Tang, Terry Haven, Robert Huefner, Kim Bateman, Clark Hinckley, Sandy Peck, Gail McMillan and Greg Poulsen. (members absent - Scott Ideson, Wen Kuo, Annette Herman, Andy Bowler and Leslie Frances)

Staff - Robert Rolfs, Wu Xu, Heidi Bergvall, Keith McMillan, Paul Hougland, Carol Masheter, Chung-won Lee, Mike Martin, John Morgan and Janet Scarlet.

Guests – Rod Betit, Sheldon Elman, Bruce Murray, Rita Hanover, Blaine Goff and Lyle Odendahl.

Starting at 3:40 – Clark Hinckley, vice chair conducting

Recap and update of the Legislative hearings.

- We're still here... Thank you to all who helped
- Presents of Clark really helped
- Follow-ups from Bob H. and others helped also
- We are better understood now but still needs more

Recap of the Utah BRIG (Building Research Infrastructure Grant) meeting

- This is an effort to get together to deal with funding possibilities and to pull data and work together.
- The group that is almost anyone who is trying to deal with data. Many people from Universities, Researchers, Health Plans, Government etc.
- Two direct outcomes from that meeting
- To develop a regional study of prescription drugs
The five states of Utah, Nevada, Idaho, Montana and Wyoming are in a Consortium. Stanford researchers are drafting a descriptive protocol for these states Medicaid Programs, to analyze their prescription drug utilization and cost. Then Health Plans can use this for the commercial part.
- Utah Patient Safety applied research network
Dr. Huefner and a few other Patient Safety researchers initiated a network called TRIP (Translating Research Into Practice). This group will meet monthly to discuss research in progress and develop new grant application for patient safety improvement in Utah. The first presentation is from our patient safety grant.

New Report – Amb. ST-1 (John Morgan)

Ambulatory Data for Utah

- ❑ We sent the draft out to all the facilities for review.
- ❑ Some comment that came back was that the charges were inconsistent.
Ambulatory Centers looked like they were a lot cheaper than the hospitals, but that can be explained because the hospitals are dealing with much more serious cases. This is planned to be done on an annual bases.

- ❑ Contact John for any comments. There needs to be some kind of caveat in there to say that there are a number of factors that may cause that are not addressed in this report. This may alleviate some of concerns. We are the second state to release this type of report.
- ❑ What do we expect people to do with this report?
- ❑ What should the product look like and we should record the stories about the uses of the data. Ammunition for the next legislative session.

Approval of the minutes from the last meeting – Unanimous

Administrative Rules (Review every five years) (Lyle Odendahl- Legal Counsel)

- ◆ We need to keep the rules and just adjust them.
- ◆ We need the rule for a formal adjudication. As a default process.
- ◆ We recommend that they all be continued at this time. Vote was unanimous.

Approval of the report on the Nursing Home Moratorium.

- 1) Summarize our analyses around three proxy indicators
- 2) Capacity Indicator - number of beds (Medicaid, Medicare beds)
- 3) Performance Indicator – occupancy rate
- 4) Quality Indicator – number of deficiencies

We proposed for the Division of Health Systems Improvement to take over and do the annual report on these. And also that there will be an assessment on long-term needs. The basic message from this report is that the moratorium did slow down the growth of nursing home beds in the last decade in Utah. Time for a change but change slowly. **(Rod)** The facilities are getting older and need some changes. I am concerned about the age of the system. Maybe something is here in the report that can help us make better decisions in the future.

Discrete Choice Analysis - Employer Cost Sharing Plans and the Public Funded Health Plans (Rita Hanover)

Proposals:

- Primary Care Network
- Combination of waiver
- Cost Sharing with employer and employee

Individuals do not seem to want mental Health coverage, if they have to pay for it themselves. Dental coverage is wanted. Interviewees did want employer to help but not necessarily to cover it all. This has many choices to build your own plans if you are an employer. Will there be an employer information booklet or a small pamphlet go out to help stimulate a wider community understanding of what the issues are.

Cesarean Deliveries in Utah Hospitals (1995-2000) (Gail McGuill)

- 1) Update that was published before but with additional information.
- 2) Rates have gone down and are starting up again but there are new guidelines and that is why it is an upturn. This is a good benchmark for hospitals.

A Newsletter Health Data Connection - for the Health Data Committee and Office of Health Care Statistics (Mike Martin)

Reintroduce the newsletter we had before.

- ✓ Who is the proposed audience for this? Legislators, administrators, committee members around the Dept. of Health that don't know the conception of what we do.
- ✓ What does the committee want to do?
It is a great format so if you kept it updated, maybe on the web so it is available to bring up anytime. Maybe once a year is good to make a good single sheet report.

One page on the reports for quarterly. One page on each report and then save until we have two or three then release it.

Election of new officers will happen in our July HDC meeting

- This is for Chair and Vice Chair
- Two weeks before Wu will need the nominations (Deadline is June 20th)
- Also we have 5 members that their terms will be expired June 30th
- We will contact you on that. (Janet will send an email for this around June 15th)

Clark adjourned the committee at 5:25 PM